



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5126 **Truth in Caller ID Act of 2006**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on May 24, 2006*

SUMMARY

H.R. 5126 would amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the manipulation of caller identification services (Caller ID) to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to defraud or cause harm through any traditional telephone or voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) service. Caller ID services allow consumers to see the names and telephone numbers of incoming calls. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) also would be directed to promulgate regulations and implement the bill's provisions.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost the FCC less than \$500,000 in 2006 and about \$5 million over the 2007-2011 period. Enacting the bill also would affect federal revenues by increasing collections of fines and penalties, but CBO estimates that any such increase would not be significant.

H.R. 5126 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5126 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

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